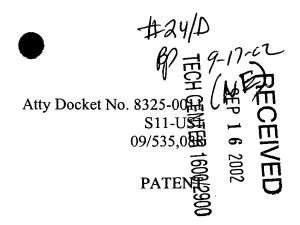


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Consideration of the following amendments is requested prior to substantive examination.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 6 with the following:

--ZPFs that bind to a particular target gene, and the nucleic acids encoding them, can be used for a variety of applications. These applications include therapeutic methods in which a ZFP or a nucleic acid encoding it is administered to a subject and used to modulate the